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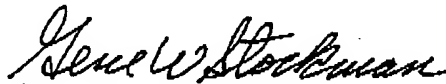
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a one-month Extension of Time, to and including November 2, 2002, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 2, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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